# PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners December 16, 2019 1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA, President; Michael S. Massey, CPA, Vice President; Gary R. Massey, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; Barton W. Baldwin, CPA; Bernita W. Demery, CPA; Wanda B. Taylor, Esq.; and Jennifer Van Zant, Esq.

**STAFF ATTENDING:** Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Officer; Adriene Hunt, Professional Standards Specialist; Julia Mayo, Professional Standards Assistant; Buck Winslow; Licensing Manager; and Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel.

**GUESTS:** Sharon Bryson, CEO, NCACPA; Shawna Hudson, CPA, NCACPA Board of Directors; L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA; Jun B. Chung; Anzor Gachechiladze; Nick Bakatsias, Esq.; Jeff Gordon, CPA; Richard Aprio Kopelman, CPA; and Sgt. J.A. Stokes, Raleigh Police Department.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Winstead called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Winstead called the Public Hearing to order to hear Case No. C2019218 – Jun B. Chung. Mr. Chung was present at the Hearing and was not represented by Legal Counsel. Mr. Chung and Mr. Anzor Gachechiladze were sworn in and presented testimony. Ms. Demery and Mr. G. Massey moved to enter Closed to discuss the case without Executive Staff or Staff Attorney present, but with Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel present. Motion passed. Upon re-entering the Hearing, Mr. Baldwin and Ms. Demery moved that Mr. Chung's application for Modification of Discipline be approved, and the Board entertain his application for reinstatement, provided the Applicant notifies the Board staff before offering or rendering any services subject to peer review. Further provided that, before performing those services, he obtain 1200 minutes of CPE relevant to those services. (Appendix I). Motion passed with seven (7) affirmatives votes and zero (0) negative votes. The Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 25, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS:** The November 2019 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS:** Mr. Winstead and Ms. Taylor moved to approve the draft response to the NASBA Quarterly Regional Directors' Focus Questions as presented. Motion passed.

STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Mr. Winstead and Ms. Bryson announced a Joint Task on Succession Planning between the Board and the NCACPA. Mr. Gary Massey, CPA (Chair); Mr. L. Samuel Willims, Jr., CPA; and Ms. Jennifer Van Zant, Esq., will represent the Board on the Task Force. Ms. Bryson will recommend that Messrs. Mike Gillis, CPA; Ben Hamrick, CPA; and Kelly Puryear, CPA; represent the NCACPA.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** Mr. M. Massey moved, and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>Case Nos. C2019256-1 and C2019256-2 - Angela W. Matthews, CPA and Angela Wokatsch Matthews, CPA, P.C.</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

Case Nos. C2019212-1 and C2019212-2 - Close the cases without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Case Nos. C2019214-1 and C2019214-2 - Close the cases without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Case No. C2019054 - Close the case without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Case No. C2019145 - Close the case without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Case Nos. C2019221 - Close the cases without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Case Nos. C2019251-1 and C2019251-2 - Close the cases without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

Case Nos. C2019254-1 and C2019254-2 – Close the Case without prejudice with a Letter of Warning.

**REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr. G. Massey moved, and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

**Original Certificate Applications** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the application submitted by Kaitlyn Carter Martin.

**Reciprocal Certificate Applications** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

George Raymond Aldhizer, IV
Matthew Thomas Beauchamp
Susan Mary Chrest
Amirh Efuru Collis
Bonita Louise Crosser
Ruth Ann Diedrich
Abigail Mari Gilfillan
Fawna Lee Goldi-Wasson
Madison Gaither Grody
Stephanie Renee Hodges
Rachel Ann Jones
Loren Suzanne Kassi
Michelle DeLong Lombana

Michael RJ Meryhew
Christof Rodney Charles Mohr
Jay G. Patel
Gabriel Alexander Ratti-Angulo
Stephen Clyde Ross
Megan Amanda Rushford
Jared Michael Schultz
Ashley Katherine Shelton
Makiko Kusuda Simmons
Tari Lyn Stockton
Michael Curtis Sufczynski
Germaine Giani Weldon
Ruoyi Zhang

**Temporary Permits** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following temporary permits as approved by the Executive Director:

Laura Day Safrit, T11609 Kristi Anne Fireline, T11610 Christine D. Zeger, T11611 Xutong Wang, T11612 Emmett Josef Lotz, T11613

James Peter Magno, T11614 Michelle Tiffany Chin, T11615 Eric Reeves, T11616 Brittani Elise Schettkoe, T11617 Mark Jason Laughner, T11618 Jared Michael Schultz, T11619 Abigail Mari Gilfillan, T11620 Tari Lyn Stockton, T11621 Ashley Katherine Shelton, T11622 Makiko Kusuda Simmons, T11623 Ruth Ann Diedrich, T11624 Michelle DeLong Lombana, T11625 Germaine Giani Weldon, T11626

Germaine Giani Weldon, T11626 Megan Amanda Rushford, T11627 Jason Dongjun Kim, T11628 Loren Suzanne Kassi, T11629 Susan Lynn Dalton, T11630 Dale Anne Jekov, T11631 Jennifer Ann Beck, T11632 Madison Gaither Grody, T11633 Alan Coston Barber, Sr., T11634

Ruoyi Zhang, T11635

Paul Robert Wing, T11636

Michael Curtis Sufczynski, T11637

Rachel Ann Jones, T11638 Robert G. Kinzer, T11639

Kendall Lauren Wilson, T11640

Andrea Pop, T11641 Tracy Liane Rose, T11642

Gabriel Alexander Ratti-Angulo, T11712 Fawna Lee Goldi-Wasson, T11713 Stephanie Renee Hodges, T11714

Stephen Clyde Ross, T11715

Christof Rodney Charles Mohr, T11716

Christopher John Pallen, T11717 Joan Elizabeth Atkinson, T11718

Jonathan Ocampo, T11719

Christopher Jude Mooney, T11720

**Reinstatements** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Michele Mercedes Dubay, #27783 Michael Anthony Patrick, #31846

Paul G. Wong, #17706

**Reissuance of New Certificate** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following applications for reissuance of new certificate:

Sarika Agarwal, #37503

Alison Maria Eddings, #38968

**Reissuance of New Certificate and Consent Agreement** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the application for reissuance of new certificate and consent agreement submitted by John David DelPonti, Jr., #26529.

**Firm Registrations** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the professional corporation Mueller CPA, PA, as approved by the Executive Director.

**Letters of Warning -** The Committee recommended that the Board approve the requests to rescind the Letters of Warning issued to the individuals listed below:

Phillip Cadolino, #30919 Francis John Schmid, #36827 Stuart Douglas Smith, #40261 Etim J. Udoh, #29680

**Examinations** –The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Joshua Anderson Stewart Baker Sahr Bangai Eric Barnett Robert Barrett Michael Beam Scarlett Beamon Mary Blair Anjelica Boney Jeffery Braddy Skylar Bray Seth Brim Sarah Brooks Kayla Browm

George Brown Randolph Brown Violette Bruchon Haley Bumgardner Nicholas Bunner Samuel Burke Lionel Cabrera Sean Cammuso Isabella Colasante Lenvil Coltrane Alexandra Consiglio Rose Cossuto

Jessica Crews Tucker Crowder Zeynep Cukro Virginia Dawson Morgan Deans William Deleo Weiwei Doucette Julian Drew Katie Driggers Khalid Elshaikh

Veronica Enchautegui-Ortiz

Laura Evans Rohsaan Francis Deidre Frazier Ashleigh Gardner Breonna Garrison Johnathon Garwood Gregory Gerlach Jonathan Glover **Annie Harding** Haylee Harrison Kailey Hedgepeth Owen Hicks

Hannah Higgins Gwendolyn Hodges Daniel Hogan Rachel Hogston

Claudia Holland Brandon Holleman

Dylan Hooper Austin Horne Zachary Hurst Lawrence Jenkins Spencer Johnson Artur Khalikov

Tae Kim

Sarah King

Katheryne King Julian Klein

Mariah Kramer Robin Krcelic Jeremy Krider Madeleine Kruener Madison Kweon Troy Landon Sarah Layden Andrea Lee Stephen Lewis Anthony Lott Rafael Loza Erin Mack Christina Mantle Sara Maple Kirsten Mauney Jennifer Maybee Mary McCarthy William McElveen Marcos Melendez Randy Moss **Audrey Mullins** Paul Nelson

Sara Nicholson Daniel Ogbamichael

Jon Oner Ladan Osman

Alexander Pantelakos

Sarah Pearman **Brooke Phillips** Lindsey Piurowski Madeline Planton Andrew Polster **Curtis Pouncy** Reba Prevost Dunn

Erica Propst Matthew Pugh **Dustin Ramos** Serina Ramos Collin Raynor Hayden Read Jenna Riglick William Roberts Reagan Rolling Penny Rose Abigail Roth Candice Rowland Matthew Ryan Kathryn Sabol Kyle Salvaterra Johnathon Sanders **Amal Sattar** 

Leigh Schmidt Paige Schurter Hannah Seipel **Brian Sessoms** Austin Sharpe **Dhrumit Sheth** Timothy Sivacek Tyler Smith Rebecca Stevens Samantha Stevens Mark Storey Jenna Strawn Martha Strickland

Charnice Taylor Matthew Thompson Elena Totchilova Lauren Wallace Henry West Garrett Wickline Mallory Wilkerson Ryan Williams Jessica Womack Thomas Woolbright Jacquelyn Yellin-Mungo Liudmila Zill

Miscellaneous – The Committee recommended that the Board approve the firm name request from Aprio, LLP, contingent on the firm providing a copy of the finalized court order for Mr. Kopelman's legal name change. Mr. G. Massey moved to approve the Aprio, LLP, firm registration application because the Committee received the finalized court order. Motion passed with six (6) affirmative votes. Ms. Van Zant did not participate in the discussion of this matter, nor did she vote on this matter.

EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: The Executive Staff provided the monthly operational metrics and the Executive Staff Report.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. G. Massey and M. Massey moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:

**Executive Director** 

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

# BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2019218

IN THE MATTER OF: Jun B. Chung, #24389 Applicant

**BOARD ORDER** 

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on December 16, 2019, that:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Applicant was the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina until that certificate was revoked on July 21, 2014.
- 2. Five (5) years have elapsed since the Applicant's revocation, and he has requested a Modification of Discipline pursuant to 21 NCAC 08I .0104.
- 3. The disciplinary action that the Applicant seeks to modify was a Board Order revoking his certificate ("Board Order"). The effective date of the Board Order was July 21, 2014.
- 4. The Board has jurisdiction over the Applicant and the subject matter of this action.
- 5. The Applicant received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing by personal service, certified mail, or other method of delivery authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-42(a).
- 6. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 7. The Applicant did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.

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- 8. The Applicant was present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel.
- 9. This matter is before the Board upon application by the Applicant for Modification of Discipline pursuant to 21 NCAC 08I .0104.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Hearing was duly noticed pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-38(b)(c) and NCAC 08C .0103 and was conducted with a quorum of Board members and all necessary parties present.
- 2. Because the discipline in this case imposed by a Board Order was permanent revocation, pursuant to 21 NCAC 08I .0104, the burden of establishing a justification for modifying the earlier discipline is upon the Applicant.
- 3. The Applicant, during the Hearing, was able to demonstrate good cause for the relief sought, including evidence that he is rehabilitated with respect to the conduct that was the basis of the Board Order.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ that:

1. Jun B. Chung's Application for Modification of Discipline is approved and the Board will entertain his application for reinstatement, provided the Applicant shall notify the Board staff prior to offering or rendering any services subject to peer review. Further provided that, prior to performing those services, he obtain 1200 minutes of CPE relevant to those services.

This the 16th day of December, 2019.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s C2019256-1/2

IN THE MATTER OF: Angela W. Matthews, CPA, #25847 Angela Wokatsch Matthews CPA, P.C. Respondents CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm stipulate to the following:

- 1. Angela W. Matthews, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 25847 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Angela Wokatsch Matthews CPA, P.C. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. Hereinafter, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm shall collectively be referred to as the "Respondents."
- 3. On its most recent system peer review for the period ended March 31, 2016, the Respondent Firm initially received a "pass with deficiencies" from the firm's peer reviewer. Over the peer reviewer's objection, in August 2017, the peer review committee chose to amend the report to a "fail."
- 4. The peer review report noted that the Respondent Firm failed to use third-party practice aids as part of the audit process, resulting in a lack of documentation to support audit planning, risk assessment procedures, preliminary analytical procedures, materiality, and general audit procedures.
- 5. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board. The Respondent, Angela W. Matthews, CPA, acknowledges the peer review committee's decision to change the initial peer review report.
- 2. The Respondents' failure to perform audit services in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403NandARD OF .0212.

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3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent Angela W. Matthews, CPA, is censured.
- 2. The Respondent has acknowledged that the Respondent Firm is not currently participating in, performing, or reviewing any audit engagements.
- 3. Prior to the Respondent Firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, the Respondent Firm shall be required to complete the following:
  - a. Each staff member participating in engagements must take at least eight (8) hours of group-study CPE related to Audit Documentation annually until the Respondent Firm receives a pass on a system peer review or a pass or pass with deficiencies on an engagement peer review.
  - b. The Respondent Firm must undergo a review of any audit prior to issuance of the audit report, pursuant to the Board's Pre-issuance Review Procedures.

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